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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation X divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 08/545,196 filed on October 19, 1995, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

Judith MELKI and Arnold MUNNICH

for

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC METHODS (As Amended)

1. X Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. X The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE	\$790.00	\$395.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	80 - 20 =	60	x 22 = \$1,320'
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	22 - 3 =	19	x 82 = \$1,558
5 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$270.00
	TOTAL	\$3,938.00	+ \$135.00

3. A check in the amount of \$3,938.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.

4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$_____. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. --This application is a _____ continuation divisional of copending Application No. 08/545,196, filed on October 19, 1995, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

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b. --This application is a _____ continuation _____ divisional of copending Application No. _____, filed on _____. Application No. _____ is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/_____ filed on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

6. Transfer the drawings/photographs from the prior

application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

7. Enclosed is/are eighteen (18) sheet(s) of formal drawings.

8. A verified statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. _____ on _____. See attached copy of verified statement claiming small entity.

9. The prior application is assigned to INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA SANTE ET DE LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE

10. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

11a. Priority of Application No(s). 94402353.0 filed in Europe on October 19, 1994 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on February 13, 1996.

11b. Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

13. Address all future communications to:

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14. An extension of time for _____ month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. _____ in order to establish copendency with the present application.

15. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Sequence Listing

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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